Acting undergraduate clerks in the Registration Department.

146. ❋ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number of undergraduate clerks who have put in less than 15 years' service and who have passed the Registration Test and been exempted from the disqualification of being appointed as Sub-Registrars?

(*b*) Of these how many from each caste are given promotion as Sub-Registrars by the present Director of Registration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nairs 2
Christian 1.
Mahommedan 1.

(*b*) One Christian.

Appointment of Muslims in the Judicial Department.

147. ❋ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any Standing Order from the High Court to the effect that, in the matter of appointments, preference should be given to Muslims; and

(*b*) how far it is brought into practice?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative

(*b*) In view of the answer to (*a*), this does not arise.

Seniority in the ministerial staff of the Judicial Department.

148. ❋ **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of seniority among several candidates is determined in the Judicial Department by the priority of confirmation in a particular grade?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, if the qualifications are equal.

Southern Market bridge at Kayankulam.

149. ❋ **MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Chief Engineer or the Government got information of the collapse of the southern market bridge at Kayankulam;

(*b*) whether they propose to construct a new bridge there;

(*c*) whether any estimates have been called for; and

(*d*) whether the work will be taken in hand immediately or in the near future?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The bridge did not collapse but was closed for traffic on 2-8-26/18-12-1101 as one set of piles was found badly exposed and it was considered unsafe to allow traffic over it.

(*b*) Yes.

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(*c*) There is already an estimate sanctioned by Government, but the Chief Engineer proposes to change the design.

(*d*) The work can be taken up this year itself as soon as the fresh design under preparation is approved and the revised estimate sanctioned by Government. The work has budget provision to the extent of Rs. 5,000 and the required lands have already been acquired.

The Travancore State Manual.

150. ✻ MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether copies of the Travancore State Manual are available for sale;

(*b*) when it was published;

(*c*) whether it has been brought up-to-date; and

(*d*) the amount of money expended by Government on the compilation and publication of the State Manual?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) 28 years ago and as such needs revision.

(*d*) Rs. 36,559-10-7.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether Government are aware that the Mysore Government have revised and brought up-to-date the State Manual there?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I accept the information furnished by the member.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether there are demands from people for copies of the State Manual?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not very large. Occasionally we get requisitions for copies of the Manual

Accommodation in passenger trains, South Indian Railway.

151. ✻MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the South Indian Railway provide necessary accommodation in passenger train services on occasions of festivals such as His Highness the Maha Raja's Birthday, Pooja Eduppu, and Arat?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Daily trains are strengthened by attaching extra carriages and also by running specials if passenger traffic warrants it.

Appointment of undergraduate clerks of the Police Department as Inspectors.

152. ✻MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received memorials from the undergraduate clerks of the Police department praying for exemption from

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